

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Grey Cloud Island Access Improvements
City of Cottage Grove,
Washington County, Minnesota
FEMA-DR-1370-MN

The City of Cottage Grove, Minnesota has applied for funding from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) for assistance with the repair and reinforcement of two roadways leading to Grey Cloud Island. This will alleviate compromised access and safety issues as a result of periodic flooding. The City of Cottage Grove is located in Washington County, in the southeast portion of the Minneapolis- St. Paul Metropolitan area in east central Minnesota. The Proposed Action would provide flood protection by adding fill to restore each roadway to its pre-disaster elevation. Both roadways will also be reinforced with riprap and post and cable guardrail. Grey Cloud Trail, the eastern roadway, will also be slightly modified to improve the vehicle safety of the current curve and bring it up to current state standards. DHS/FEMA is proposing to provide assistance for this project through the Public Assistance (PA) Program under Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-DR-1370-MN.

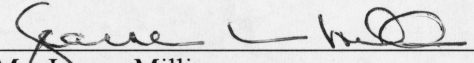
In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for FEMA, Subpart B – Agency Implementing Procedures, Part 10.9, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The purpose of the EA was to analyze the potential environmental impacts for the repair and reinforcement of Grey Cloud Island Drive and Grey Cloud Trail, and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

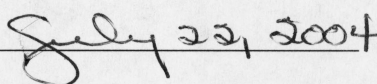
Based upon the conditions and information contained in the EA for the City of Cottage Grove, Grey Cloud Island Access Improvements (June 2004) and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. The proposed project, as described in the EA, will not result in any significant adverse impacts to existing land use, water resources (surface water, groundwater, wetlands, waters of the United States, and floodplains), air quality, noise, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, state-and federally listed threatened or endangered species, and critical habitats), safety issues, hazardous materials and waste, and cultural resources, or result in disproportionately high or adverse effects on minority or low-income populations. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

This Finding of No Significant Impact is based upon the conditions contained in the EA and the requirement that final project designs will be completed and permits obtained from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in accordance with Parts 6115 and 8420 of the Minnesota Rules. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize federal funds.

APPROVAL


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